

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE
MINUTES**

DATE: August 29, 2005

LOCATION: Cumberland Room
First Floor, Cordell Hull Building
425 Fifth Ave. North
Nashville, TN 37247

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Susan Vickerstaff, LCSW, Chair
Vickie Fleming, CMSW
Beverly Esposito, LCSW
Sheila Morris, Citizen

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Deborah Wolkhamer, CMSW
Drema Bowers-Mitchell, CMSW
Suzanne Vandiver, LCSW

STAFF PRESENT: James Hill, Board Administrator
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney
Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director
Stacy Lannan, Administrative Assistant
Raney Irwin, Assistant General Counsel

Ms. Vickerstaff, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:21 A.M. A sufficient number of board members were present to constitute a quorum.

Conflict of Interest

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the conflict of interest policy with the board asking the board members to disclose any conflict of interest they may have prior to contested cases or any other legal proceedings or matters to determine if there is a conflict of interest. Ms. Armstrong stated that if a board member does have a conflict of interest they must recuse him/herself and leave the hearing room during the discussion and vote. Ms. Armstrong asked the board members to sign the conflict of interest statement and return it to Mr. Hill.

Approval of Minutes

Upon review of the July 22, 2005 board meeting minutes, Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fleming, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

Ratify Newly Licensed LCSW's and CMSW's

Ms. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to ratify the following newly licensed LCSW's and CMSW's:

LCSW

Dottie S. Blades
Ellen L. Gray
Vicki Y. Johnson
Richard Spurgeon Jones
Nonie Lane Ivy Linder
Denise M. Lovelace
Rebecca B. McCartney
Carman B. McCoy
David D. Miller
Kristin Mae Morrow
Linda A. Pusateri
Linda K. Rettstatt
Annette C. Rogers-Vaughn
Jamey L. Savoie
Nell W. Senter
Cynthia Mann Wright

CMSW

La'Tasha R. Anderson
Linda C. Arms
Michael G. Barney
Mark C. Bigley
Andrea Renee Bowen
Natasha N. Clay
Lindsey B. Coates
Victoria S. Cole
Jenny S. Collins-King
Rachel E. Craig
Robin A. Cruise
Cathryn C. D'Arcy
Christopher E. Driscoll
John C.B. Earthman
Danielle M. Funk
Nicole L. Gebke
Larry E. Godbolt
Shelley D. Haynes
Deborah L. Hodges
Jill E. Kennedy

**Jessie E. Kinsey
Shea S. Langs
Barbara J. Life
Michael J. Martin
Angela M. Maxwell
James B. McDaniel
Linda McNair
Linda G. McWhorter
Ernest Neal
Marla K. Orsagh
Janelle Pharis
Becky Smith
William Stouffer
Katheryn O. Teague
Meguel B. Wade
Amanda Walden
Alexandra M. Weber
Leigh M. Williams
Jelks P. Wilson
Julie Pillow Wilson**

The motion carried.

Review and Approve LCSW applications by examination/reciprocity

Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fleming, to accept the following applications for licensure by examination/reciprocity:

By Exam

**Christopher L. Atkins
Jennifer L. Goldfarb
Regina A. Nash
Nikesha C. Hennings
Geraldine Scheller
Jill S. Shoffner**

By Reciprocity

Amanda J. Paisley

The motion carried.

Ratify Reinstatements for LCSW's and CMSW's

Ms. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to ratify the following LCSW and CMSW applications for reinstatement:

LCSW

Gary K. Davis
Elizabeth B. Eddins
Linda Karen McCartney
Stephanie L. Poe
Melanie Strickler

CMSW

Selena N. Listenbee
Monica N. Onyeso-Nwachuku
Jacquelyn A. Owens
Brian W. Pope
Marico D. Rivers
Julie S. Thomsen
Rebecca Ann Watkins

The motion carried.

Ratify Closed Files

Ms. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Ms. Morris, to ratify the following closed files:

Bethany Barton
Teresa Cartwright
Brenda Eckles
JoAnn Hadley
Elliott Hill
Marilyn Keel
Katherine Mackay
Dianne Manvel
Barbara Martin
Luecretia Mathews
John Metilor
Barry Rorex
William Samuels
Anna Vaneaton
Dianna Wilson
Rebecca Byrd
Kimberly Fink
Richard Lamphear
David Vernola

Rebecca Phipps

The motion carried.

Contested Case for Joan H. Sarabi

Administrative Law Judge, Joan Carter, presided over the case hearing for Joan H. Sarabi, LCSW. Raney Irwin, Assistant General Counsel, represented the State and Ms. Sarabi was not present for the hearing.

Ms. Irwin stated she sent numerous notices to the respondent and all were returned.

Ms. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Ms. Morris, to find Joan H. Sarabi at default. The motion carried.

Ms. Irwin distributed the notice of charges to the board and stated Ms. Sarabi was convicted of health care fraud and thirteen counts of false statements.

Ms. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to accept the allegations of fact as stated. The motion carried.

Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Morris, to accept the conclusions of law as stated. The motion carried.

Ms. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Ms. Esposito, to revoke Ms. Sarabi's CMSW and LCSW license, assess her with \$1,000.00 in civil penalties for each violation and order her to pay court costs. The motion carried.

Ms. Vickerstaff stated the Tennessee Board of Social Worker certification and Licensure took this action in order to enforce the statutory laws and rules governing the professional practice of social work in the State of Tennessee and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

Contested Case for William Warren Brent

The board was scheduled to conduct a contested case hearing against William W. Brent, CMSW, for working as a CMSW without supervision however, prior to the hearing Mr. Brent, his attorney C.J. Brenton and Rainey Irwin came to an agreement which they presented to the board as an agreed order.

Ms. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Ms. Morris, to accept the agreed order which places Mr. Brent's license on probation for two (2) years, work under direct supervision of a licensed clinical social worker approved by the board, submit quarterly reports to the board signed by his supervisor regarding his performance, obtain twelve hours of continuing education in ethics, documentation and record keeping, pay a \$1,000.00 civil penalty and the costs of prosecuting the case, appear before the board at the end of the probation period and remain ineligible to attain

licensure as a licensed clinical social worker until after the probation has been lifted and all conditions of the agreed order have been met. The motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, Ms. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Morris, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10. The motion carried.

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